

Referred to the same select committee to which were referred a preamble and resolutions on the same subject.

Mr. Edwards asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for "An act to incorporate the Springfield High School Association;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hankins proposed for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State house commissioners be required to report to this House, on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst., how and in what manner the contracts for the construction of the State house at Springfield have been let out, and to whom; were they given to the lowest bidder, or others; is the work conducted by contract, or daily labor under the supervision of the commissioners, or their agents; if by agents, what compensation is allowed them. Explain at large the item of "ten per cent. for contingencies"—what compensation is allowed the architect—what is the number of the agents or sub-superintendents having direction of the work—what has been the cost of the construction of said building, in compensation to commissioners, architect, agents, and superintendents—whether the full amount of the \$50,000 appropriation has been refunded to the State, in compliance with the law removing the seat of Government to Springfield; and, if not, what amount remains unrefunded, and the reasons (if any) for the same; and whether the State Bank at Springfield did not grant a large loan to the commissioners, or corporation of Springfield, for the construction of said building; and, if so, to which, and the amount of said loan.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln,

The resolution was committed to a committee of the Whole House; and,

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The House resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on said resolutions; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Murphy of Perry reported that the committee of the Whole House had, according to order, had said resolutions under consideration, amended the same, and had directed him to ask the concurrence of the House therein: which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hardin,

The resolution was further amended by striking out "Wednesday, the 26th," and inserting "the second Monday of January next."

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Thornton,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Archer.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Wabash,

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz:

Whereas it is important that the election of public printer, Auditor, and Treasurer of the State, should be had without unnecessary delay: and whereas the people should be fully represented in the election of said officers, and to the end that fair notice may be given of the time of such election, that each member of the General Assembly may attend: Therefore,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That both Houses will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on the second Monday of January next, at the hour of two o'clock,